



**National Championships - 160km Endurance Ride
MANILLA NSW - 24-27 June, 2010**

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2010 sees a big year for Endurance Riding in NSW, with Manilla, in North West New South Wales hosting the Tom Quilty Gold Cup National Championships Endurance Ride. Planning is well under way, and details can be seen on the website at www.manillatomquilty.org.au The website gives details on the committee, the course, the town, the qualifications for both horse and rider, as well as merchandise and sponsorship.

The Tamworth & District Endurance Club are experienced in running 160km endurance rides, having been involved in running numerous State Championships. They will be joined by volunteers from all over Australia, to what is hoped will be a Quilty to remember. Many locals will also be involved and the town of Manilla is looking forward to welcoming all visitors to the town, and showing them some great country hospitality.

The course will be the same as was used for the 2008 NSW State Championships. There will be 5 legs, all returning to the Manilla Showground for vetting. The Hunter River Lancers Army Reserves from Tamworth will be doing a majority of the checkpoints, with locals manning their usual spots on the 3rd and 4th legs.

Entry forms will be available on the website from the 1st of January 2010 and entries will be accepted from the 1st of March 2010. A late entry fee will apply to all entries received after the 1st of May. It is recommended that entries be sent as early as possible to secure the best camping spots! (there are really no bad camping spots though, with the vetting ring being central to all camping sites).

A slideshow presentation has been prepared to send out to all entrants, which gives information and photos of all aspects of the ride. Some fantastic photos have been supplied by Kieron Power for this. Merchandise is available now, and an order form can be downloaded off the website. Order forms will also be sent out with entry information.

Kym and Kim Hagon, renowned for their Shahzada Social Committee, will again be organising some classless acts of fun for the days leading up to the serious stuff. Events will include a Guard Dog Challenge, Dog Races, Quilty Idol and Karaoke. A Wine and Cheese afternoon will be held at the top of Mount Borah, which has a reputation as being the best launching site for Paragliding and Hang-gliding in the world. Manilla has hosted the Australian, NSW, New Zealand and World Championships for both Paragliding and Hang-gliding. The view is really something to be seen.

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